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Date: January 8, 2003 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Inventor Wolfgang Matthes et al. Applic. No. 09/848,583 RECEIVED Filed May 3, 2001 Title Cutting Device And Method For Trimming JAN 1 5 2003 Examiner Jason D. Prone Art Unit: 3724

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

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Responsive to the Office Action dated December 10, 2002, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group I, claims 1-10, 12 and 13, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants request a rejoinder under MPEP §821.04.

N T 65 (55-35866 In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-10. 12 and 13 is solicited a second

Respectfully submitted.

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